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"I hope the people will sign my petition," said Williams yesterday. "I don't got no money nor friends, only my mother and a half sister. I just have to take what comes. I never tried to run away and if those fellows I had trouble with before hadn't rapped on me out of spite, I wouldn't be where I am. If I have to hang I suppose I must, but I didn't do it. You see I'd kill 'em now just for shooting for Bryan, when I was a Bryan man myself. He'd be close to my bosom, wouldn't he?"

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person of the woman and \$7 on the man. She professed to have been in the country only two months and each claims to know but little of English. They claim that Ardinio is a native of Italy. The case was fixed for the bonds at \$500 each for appearance. Antonio Ardinio, the sister-in-law of Ardinio, who is charged, got the money for the Carlinis, occupies a cell in the county jail. "I gotta da mon and giva it to dem," she says.

WIFE'S LETTER FATAL.

W. H. Jackson, the Clinton Undertaker, Withdraws His Former Plea and Pleads Guilty.

W. H. Jackson, the Clinton undertaker who was charged in the federal court with writing an improper letter to a young woman of that city, and who had been fighting the charge with great vigor, changed his mind yesterday and asked leave of the court to withdraw his plea of not guilty and enter one of guilty as charged. The change in his tactics was brought about by the admissions of his wife when on the stand Tuesday. Sentence was deferred until the interval the defendant is hustling about to raise the money to pay the fine that will be part of the penalty. The spectacle of a wife convicting her husband while called to testify to his good character shows how the danger of letter writing is. Without the letter which Mrs. Jackson wrote to Judge Phillips last summer, while separated from her husband, there was a possibility of his acquittal. Jackson is a well-to-do undertaker of Clinton.

AN EXPENSIVE SIDEWALK.

Damage Suits Aggregating \$50,000 Already Brought Against the City.

The sidewalk in front of the property of Charles Robson at 214 Broadway will prove an expensive one for the city if the two damage suits which have been filed are won by the plaintiffs. Mrs. Kate Toliver brought suit the other day for \$25,000 damages and yesterday Harriet Lacy brought suit for a similar amount. She claims she broke her hip and received other permanent injuries on the same stretch of sidewalk as Mrs. Toliver.

Sues the Milwaukee for Damages.

Frank McMurray wants \$1,999.50 of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul's undistributed surplus. He claims that he was run over at Twenty-first and Locust streets on September 28 last. His left leg was crushed so badly that it had to be amputated.

Court Briefs.

Judge Glover yesterday ordered Louise from Jacob Mayes on statutory grounds. The Medical and Benefit Association filed an appeal from the order for a pro forma decree of incorporation.

Nina Gregg, who was charged with robbing Julius Leonard of \$100, was discharged in Justice Krueger's court yesterday.

John Flynn, charged with the theft of a watch from Gabe Preston November 4, was discharged in Justice Krueger's court yesterday.

Frankie Mitchell, a colored woman, was given ten days in jail by Justice Krueger yesterday for the theft of a wrap and jacket.

Oran Hall, Jeweler Mercer's, the thieving porter, received another dose of his contumacious sentence in Justice Krueger's court yesterday. He was given ninety days in jail.

Gertrude and Edna Evans, by their next friend, Julia Evans, brought suit yesterday against John Evans to eject him from a house in Independence claimed by the plaintiffs.

Jack Cross and William Todd, who are charged with having cracked the safe in the postoffice at last May, were placed on the bench in the federal court yesterday afternoon.

The suit of Thomas Wallace against the National Lined Oil Company to recover \$15,000 damages for personal injuries will be heard by Judge Glover in the federal court tomorrow. The plaintiff was injured by a fall two years ago while loading a car at the company's depot.

The county court, sitting at Independence, yesterday ordered all of the constables of Kaw township to appear with new bond, in accordance with an opinion rendered by County Counselor Reed. The order includes J. M. Hayes, of Westport. The county court adjourned until tomorrow.

Mrs. Rosa Wade, who lives at Dixon and Myrtle streets, appeared before Justice Spitz yesterday and swore to a complaint charging her husband, Miles Wade, with failure to support herself and six small children since June 4. The Miles family lives in a half-board, half-street structure, and their John Wade is reported by neighbors as being deplorable. Miles is said to be an able-bodied man.

The most magnificent cars ever constructed for regular service make up the new equipment of the Lake Shore Limited. The Chicago Tribune says: "Hereafter the Lake Shore road can justly boast of running the finest limited trains between Chicago and New York ever placed on the tracks of any road in this or any other country, and the Inter Ocean: 'Without doubt the handsomest and most superbly and magnificently equipped train that was ever backed into a Chicago depot.'"

The Limited leaves Chicago every day at 10:30 a. m., reaching New York 6:30 p. m., Boston 9:30 p. m., next day.

B. P. HUMPHREY, T. A. C. K. WILBER, Assistant G. P. A., Chicago.

Gilson Company Will Get It. The city engineer and the public improvement committee of the board will meet this morning and let the contract for paving Highland avenue, from Twelfth to Fifteenth street, with Indian Territory asphalt. As the Gilson Company is the only corporation that lays this material in Kansas City, it will be awarded the contract. A number of curbing and sidewalk contracts will also be let.

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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

There has been noticeable lately a lively and quite general revival of interest in Scottish history, contemporaneous life and literature, and the stage now takes up the

fad in the form of "For Bonnie Prince Charlie," the play that Julia Marlowe is to make a feature of her coming Coates engagement. The writers who find their subject matter in the simple annals of the Caledonian people are commanding the attention of both the English and American reading public and it is natural that a Scotch play should be offered just at this time. "For Bonnie Prince Charlie" is a romantic drama, the leading idea of which is to be found in the affection of the Scotch people for the helpless "Young Pretender" and their loyalty and devotion to his cause. The play will be given at the Coates, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and at the Saturday matinee. On Thursday and Friday nights Miss Marlowe will play "Romeo and Juliet," and on Saturday night, "Inkarnam." The sale of seats will close this morning.

The Ninth Street theater will have a popular attraction next week, when the Scotch play "For Bonnie Prince Charlie" will be seen in a strictly characteristic vehicle, entitled, "McGinty, the Sport." The play admits of the widest scope of action and due advantage is said to have been taken of every laudable dramatic possibility. The entertainment is solely for the purpose of amusement, and in that respect only appeals for criticism. There are several specialties by bright people, numbering twenty-two in all, and a semi-vaudeville character is imparted. Joe, a clever eccentric comedian, will make his first appearance in this city as a farce comedy star.

Robert Fitzsimmons, the world's champion pugilist, heading a large and expensive vaudeville company, will appear at the Grand next week, opening at the regular Sunday matinee. Nelson, Glussett and Lemmon; Thomas Ryan and May Richfield; Theo, the American Males; Crane, Lizzie, Mulvey and Pearl; Lillian; Charles E. Lawlor; John and Billy Thornton; Whitman and Davis; Billy Lipsett; and Walter, the English comedian, will furnish the vaudeville end of the bill. The athletic portion will introduce Ernest Roeber and Carl Beck, former champions of the Roman wrestling of the world, the latter champion of Germany, in contests of that kind of wrestling. The company will also feature four rounds of bag punching on his latest scientific apparatus, and will appear four scientific rounds with Mike Conley, the Lithuanian giant.

The last performance of "Forgiveness" was given at the auditorium last night. This evening and the remainder of the week the company will be seen in "The Black Flag." The specialties will be given Sunday afternoon an entirely new bill will be presented. It will include Bobby Gay, in his characteristic specialties; the Nichol sisters, in their negro novelties; Lucia Mitchell, the living doll; the cinematograph, with new pictures, and "Two Orphans," one of the strongest dramatic bills that ever has been seen on the local stage for a long time, and never before at popular prices. It is considered so strong that it will be continued throughout the week.

James Whitcomb Riley will give readings from his poems at the Gilson opera house Tuesday evening of next week. The programme has not yet been announced, but it is said that it will contain many novelties never before given by Mr. Riley in this city. The advance sale of reserved seats will open this morning at the Burlington ticket office.

Independence, Kas., Nov. 10.—(Special.) A very fine musical and elocutionary entertainment was given at the opera house last night by Miss Adelaide Stich and Miss Evaline Mason, of this city, under the auspices of the Ladies' Literary Association. Miss Stich has an unusually fine voice and has studied under several of the best vocal and instrumental instructors of New York and Paris. Miss Mason is a graduate of the rhetorical school of the University at Chicago. The opera house was packed and the entertainment was a success.

ONE THEORY EXPLODED.

Brains of Kansas City School Children Don't "Wear Out," as Some Theorist Held.

Superintendent J. M. Greenwood yesterday morning put to a practical test a theory explained in the course of several columns in a number of the educational journals of the country, which maintains that the average pupil will make more mistakes in the addition of the last of a series of five problems than in the first problem for the reason that his brain wears out. The pupils in the sixth grade of the Scarritt school are either above the average or below it, and Superintendent Greenwood referred to the writer, or else his theory is wrong," said Greenwood, "after the test. He gave the pupils five problems in addition of the same number of figures in each and allowed one minute for the pupils to add each problem. The result was that forty-five out of the fifty-six pupils had the correct answer for the first problem, forty-nine had the correct answer for the third, and fifty-three for the fifth.

PEOPLE IN SOCIETY.

Mrs. John R. Walker is entertaining Mrs. Addison Walker and her daughter, Margaret, where she is visiting Miss Maude Miller, and will remain a fortnight.

The Willard W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. M. E. Valley, of 292 Montclair avenue, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. George Chaplin, of Leavenworth, came down yesterday to attend the luncheon given by her sister, Miss McNally.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lyle, of Leavenworth, with their guest, Mrs. Allen, are spending a few days with Kansas City friends.

Mrs. T. J. Beattie, with her sister, Mrs. Robert Broder, left yesterday for Brook, Neb., where they will visit relatives for a week.

Mrs. Henry Adler, of Chicago, with her sister, Edna, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rosenberg, of 122 Washington street.

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Emory, Bird, Thayer & Co.

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LADIES' JACKETS FOR WINTER

A complete stock of Ladies' Stylish Jackets. Full lines of fashions and colors and hundreds to select from. We can fit every form in any fashionable Jacket, at SURPRISINGLY LOW PRICES.

At \$12.98 Jackets made of Fine All Wool Kersey, strap seams; have the new never front, high, star shaped storm collar and an all silk-satin lining, in fancy colors; colors black and navy.

At \$11.50 We are selling a handsome Boucle Jacket, made double breasted, with high storm collar, coat back trimmed with strap seams of kersey and red satin lining; colors green, navy blue and black; also bright yellow blue.

We have several styles, but the particular one is a handsome boucle braided Jacket, a very natty Jacket, has double breasted front, storm collar, and lined with a very fine quality of Roman striped taffeta; colors black and navy.

We are selling a handsome Kersey Jacket with triple stitched seams, box front, high star shape storm collar, half lined with satin Rhadame; colors, tan, black and navy.

Boucle Jackets made of small curl boucle, box front, coat back, finished with triple stitched seams and half lined with bright red satin; colors, black and navy blue.

Boucle Jackets made with the new never front and storm collar, box front and coat back, has the new high flaring storm collar. Colors blue and black.

Beaver Jackets made with triple stitched seams, coat back, high star shape storm collar, all nicely tailored, good wide facing of same material and all seams bound, colors black only.

Blankets and Comforts. A big assortment of the warm, cozy, comfortable Blankets and Comforts, many of them less than cost.

15 pairs 11-4 White or Gray Blankets, extra heavy, size 60x90 inches, worth \$1.50, for \$1.25.

40 pairs White Blankets, cotton and wool mixed, with dainty pink and blue borders, 60x90 inches, for \$1.25.

45 pairs White Blankets, cotton chain and wool filling, size 60x90 inches, never sold by us less than \$3.00, you can buy during this sale for \$2.50.

40 pairs All Wool White Blankets, warp as well as filling, 60x90 inches, for \$3.98.

35 pairs White Wool Blankets, extra large, soft and fleecy, size 72x90 inches, for \$4.50.

80 pairs White Wool Blankets, made of fine, soft, fleecy wool, size 72x90 inches, with delicate Roman stripe borders, the best value ever offered by us for \$5.00.

White Wool Blankets, all wool warp, as well as filling, size 72x90 inches, with handsome Jacquard borders, in pink, blue, gold and scarlet, worth \$9.00, for \$7.50.

50 Gray Wool Blankets, 60x90 inches, for \$2.50.

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We call your special attention to our line of Wrapper Blankets from \$2.50 to \$8.50 Each.

5 bales Hand Made Boklone Comforts, filled with white carded cotton, size 72x90 inches, made to sell \$2.00, for each, \$1.50.

1 lot Sateen Covered Comforts, filled with good quality carded cotton, dainty plain colored lining, size 70x90 inches, for each, \$2.50.

1 lot French Sateen Covered Comforts, filled with education, size 72x90 inches, for \$5.00.

Women's Blouse Waists. 150 Women's Blouse Front Plaid Waists, of silk and wool, bias front, value \$3.50 each, to-day for \$2.75 EACH.

Special for This Afternoon, beginning at 2:30.—Third Floor. Another lot of 25 dozen All Wool Flannel Waists, all colors and all sizes, each, 89c.

Ladies' and Children's Knitted Underwear. Specials for To-day.

60 Ladies' Eru Ribbed Fleece Vests and Pants; last season's price for this same quality 25c. We secured this lot so low we can sell them to you for 15c.

60 Boys' Natural Merino Shirts, Pants and Drawers, finished from 10 to 14 years, your choice of any size, for each, 25c.

Ladies' Ribbed Natural Merino Pants and Vests, very soft, elastic and perfect fitting, for each, 50c.

60 Ladies' Natural Ribbed Fleece Lined Union Suits, heavy winter weight, for suit, 50c.

40 Ladies' Silver Gray Merino Suits, perfect fitting, nicely finished, for suit, \$1.00.

Ladies' Gloves. Fashions from all the foreign centers and a place in our big stock of Stylish Gloves, in the latest colors and ideas, and a big force of experienced glove fitters always ready to answer any suggestion you may want. Special for to-day are the 4-button Dressed Kid Gloves, 3 rows of buttons, of all colors, and the newest shades for winter, a perfect wearing and fitting \$1.25.

4-button Dressed Kid Gloves, large 75c, buttons, in all winter shades, for \$1.00.

Ladies' Mittens and Children's Mittens, fur top, at 50c.

Flannel Department. 1 lot of very heavy Bordered Tennis Flannel Skirts, finished with button-hole stitch, splendid material for good warm underskirts, at yard, 19c.

A complete line of All Wool Skirt Patterns, in handsome colorings, at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.